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The hardest night

TW Suicidal thoughts!

Hunters pov

No no no no...no .. no

I ran into the woods, tears streaming down my face trying to process what i had just seen.

I was a grimwalker.

Belos had been using me this entire time.

He was going to kill me.

No no no non non noo

I couldent run anymore my entire body felt weak as i collpsed to the ground.

Everything he had said about wild magic was wrong and i fell for it.

No no no no

What was i going to do? I couldnt go back, and luz had offerd me a place to stay.

I rolled over on the dirty ground. I didnt want to go back to the owl house. I didnt want to face her after she was right this entire time.

Maybe ill just lay here forever. I thought sadly, not bothering to wipe the stream of tears from my face.

Im only here to serve belos, and if im not going to serve belos should i be here at all?

I lied on the ground for a few more hours, not bothering to move,

not bothering to think

"TWEET" I felt flapjack aggresively land on my shoulder.

"Sorry buddy, im not going back to the owl house." I mumbled.

"Chirp?"

"No im not going to move."

Flapjack hopped down and bean to tug on my shirt.

"I said im not going to move."

The night had started getting cold and flapjack snuggled up to my chest for warmth.

Then the little palisman got up and looked around. As if startled by somthing.

"chirp."

"Theres somthing in the woods?" I asked, "good maybe it will eat me."

With this delcaration flapjack looked up at me sadly.

"Im sorry panckes im sorry.." A fresh stream of tears fell down my face as i reilzed if i died flapjack would probly be captured by belos. "Flapjack you have to go, go back to the owl house. Luz will take care of you i know it."

"Tweet."

"Hunter?" Eda said, crashing through the bushes. "Thank goodness ive been searching everywhere."

I didnt move. Serching? Did she want more information about belos before i died? Did she. . . care about me?"

"Hunter?" Eda asked, a hint of panic rising in her voice.

Eda ran over and put a hand on my side. "thank titan hes alive."

"Damn it" I mumbled.

"What was that?" Eda asked, "Titan your so cold-"

A warm blanket wrapped around me and suddenly i was lifted up.

"chirp."

"I love you too buddy..."

"Hunter im taking you back to the owl house. I have a spare room you can stay in. . . Luz told me everything." Eda said.

A few mintues later i was laied down on a warm cot.

"Sleep well hunter." Eda said. "See you in the morning."

Hunter my beloved, it hurts to see you suffer :,(

Restless

Edas pov

Poor kid. I though, shutting the door to the guest room.

I sat down on the couch with a sigh. Titian i was tired but i couldnt sleep, i wouldent sleep. I had to make sure that hunter wasnt going to run off again. or do anything stupid.

Suddly there was a knock on the door. I had taken down the barricade scince the spell had been compleated so hooty was asleep.

I looked out the peephole. It was darious raine and eber.

"What do you want?"

"Weve been looking for hunter since we saw him run off. and then eber spotted you bringing him inside."

"If you want to take him to the emperor you can fuck right off cus thats not happining."

"No we just want to know if hes ok."

"Sure darius." I rolled my eyes.

"No really eda."

"I dont trust people who work with belos." I said indignantly.

". . . Were not working with him eda." Darius said. "Who do you think gave you that potion?"

I opened the door. "Come in."

Once they were all inside i shut the door and locked it.

"Hunter is ok. I think. I found him laying in the woods freezing and.

. . he didnt seem to want to get rescued."

"Thank titan you found him." Raine spoke. "Thank you eda."

"Raine..."

The room lapsed into scilence.

"Raine do you really not remeber me?" I asked. Raine looked down guiltily.

"Thats not what were here for."

"Its a yes or no question raine."

"What went on in the emperors mind? Do you know?" Raine asked.

"And your really not working with belos?"

"Were not."

"Then you lied to me..."

Darius and eber looked uncomfortable.

"Eda, can we talk about this later?" I nodded.

"Alright, so heres what i know. . . "

I told them everything luz had told me. And after we had checked on hunter raine declared that it was time for them to leave.

"Im not going. Hunter is like family to me and im not leaving until im sure hes going to be alright" Darious said. "Eber can you make something up?"

Eber nodded.

"Darius i trust eda will take care of him for now. I think your absence will make the emperor suspicious." Raine warned.

"Its a risk im willing to take."

"So what your just gonna sleep on the couch?" I asked.

"Sounds good to me." Darius flopped down.

"Goodbye raine, eber." I nodded as they walked out.

"Goodbye." Raine replied almost wistfully.

As soon as they were gone i sat down on the chair across from the couch and pulled out my reserch.

"Eda you look exausted. You should get some rest."

"No."

Darius rolled his eyes and rolled over. "Suit yourself."

"Darius... did raine really forget?"

"Why did i see that question coming?" He mumbled. "And i think they should tell you that themself."

"I see..."

"They did mention you once or twice though..." Darius said after a pause

"Really?"

"They just want to protect you Edalyn. So when you do have that conversation dont be too hard on them for whats happend."

"I- I think i will go to bed." I said standing up. Tears welling in my eyes.

"Good."

Haha raeda angst :)

Alone

Hunters pov

I woke up that morning to the owl tube screeching and a pounding head. What even happened last night?

Oh right. I wanted to cry again but i couldn't.

"Oh hey your awake." Eda said walking in with a tray of food.

"Hmfph" I stuffed my faceback into my pillow.

"I brought breakfast"

"Im not hungry." i lied.

"Your stomach is growling." Eda said, setting the tray down. "Eat up, Darius is down stairs waiting to talk to you."

I sat up, "Whats darius doing here?"

"Making sure your ok."

"Oh. . . ah ok." I said, "You can leave now."

Did darius care about me too?

I sighed and beagn to eat my breackfast. Gryphin eggs and apple blood. Two things i rarly got to eat back at the emeperors coven.

No i dont want to think about that right now. I reached into my pocket and was plesently surprised to see my scroll was still inside.

Hunter: HEy. WillOw

Willow: Hey hows it going?

Hunter: NoT,, GrAte

Willow: Do you want to talk about it.

Hunter: NO

Willow: Ok i just finish my morning exercises what ru doing?

Hunter: BreAKfaST

Willow: Nice what is it?

Hunter: EGgs

Willow: Yum :P

Willow: Sry my dad is calling me

Willow: Talk later?

Hunter: yeA.h

Alone with my thoughts once again. Great.

"Hey hunter" It was Darius

"Goodmorning Darius."

"Its really not, listen the emperors calling a head witch meeting so i need to go NOW. Ill be back tonight."

"Oh ah- alright."

"Stay safe kid."

"I will, goodbye."

"Bye"

"More and more alone by the second." I sighed.

"Chirp" *(translation- you still have me :3"*

"Thanks Flapjack." I smiled.

A few minutes later Luz popped her head through the door. "Heyyy how are you feeling."

"Take a wild guess."

"Ok yeah i figured as much, do you want to go to the beach?"

"Why not."

Thanks for reading :D

The beach

Hunters pov

It was only a few minute walk to the beach and after finding a good spot we sat down togther.

"ugh.." I sighed.

"Do you. . . want to talk about it?" Luz asked, "I reilzed i should have been a bit more considerate last night. Everything youve ever stood for was crumbling and i didnt do anything to make you feel better. I- im sorry."

"Dont apolegize luz, it wasnt your job to be nice its just . . a lot to process." I replied.

"How are you feeling now?"

"Numb?" I said, "I dont really know acctualy. ive never really though about my emotions before."

"Oh i guess that makes sence."

"Can we drop this for now? i dont really have the energy to think right now."

"yeah ok." Luz agreed, "How about a distraction?."

I looked around an spotted a little fossil in the sand. "Want to find more of these things?" I asked, picking up the old bone.

"Ooh yeah! I wonder what creature thats from."

"Its from a stonesleeper." I said with a small smile, "You can tell by the bone marrow structure."

"Cool!" Luz said, "I see another one over there!"

After a half an hour of searching we had found a total of two bones. Not bad i guess.

Suddenly i heard voices coming from around a cliff.

"Were gonna be captured!" I hissed. pulling Luz with me into a patch of trees.

We stayed quiet for a second before luz stepped forward."I know those voices, thats amity and her siblings!"

"the blight kids?"

"Yeah! Hey amity!" Luz waved. Amity waved back and the trio began to walk over too us.

Amity stopped short in her tracks, "Its him! behind you!" With a flick of the wrist i was pinned to the ground by a massive abomination.

"Amity stop!" Luz yelled waving her arms, "Hunters with me!"

The abomination melted away and i stayed put, shaking a little. Damn it.

"You scared him!" Luz said, looking down at me.

"Sorry" Amity winced, "I still dont trust you though." she told me, crossing her arms.

"damn mittens." A different voice said, "Thats not a good way to greet people."

A face leaned over me. He had fluffy green hair, and a tiney mustache.

"hey im edric." Edric said, sticking out a hand.

"Hunter" I mumbled as he pulled me up.

"Sorry what was that?" Edric said.

"Its hunter!" I half shouted before putting a hand over my mouth.

"Sorry its been a rough week..."

Edric smiled, "No worries i get it."

"Oh a bat!" I gasped. spotting the brown creature purched on edrics shoulder.

"His name is batrick!" Edric said excitedly, "Found him in the woods!"

"You tamed him? Cool!"

"Hunter, me Amity, and emria are going to go down to the water, you guys coming?" Luz asked, tapping me on the shoulder.

"Batrick doesnt like water." Edric said, sitting down. "Ill stay here."

"Ill stay too i said, taking a seat next to him, "Have you been able to teach batrick anything?" I asked, "This species is pretty inteligent."

"Im teaching him to sing!" Edric said, setting the creature in his lap, "But, uh, it hasent really been working..."

Wow im sure these two will be great friends ;)

A distraction

Hunters pov

"I may know a thing or two about beast keeping." I smiled, "Maybe i can help?"

"Would you?" Edric grinned, "And yeah i would appreciate that."

"Then lets get started." I smiled.

Inside i felt the knot of horrid feelings start to loosen, maybe life wasnt so bad after all.

Me and Edric spent the rest of the evening trying different training methods on Batrick, with only a few being almost sucessful.

By sunset Batrick would sing when we told him too almost 30% of the time. Though that number was small it was a great sucess according to Edric, who said he only sang around 5% before.

The best part was the memories of the previous night had been brushed for the side for now. Though a sinking feeling told me they wold be back before long.

"Lets go Hunter." Luz said, giving him a tap on the shoulder. "If we dont get back soon eda will get worried.

"Before you go can i get your penstagram? uh if you have one..." Edric said, pulling out a scroll. "i mean, if you want to finish teaching batrick sometime..."

"uh, yeah acctually." I said, pulling out my scroll, "hear ya go..."

"Thanks i got it... ok bye then."

"Byeee" i said with a wave, then i grabbed luz by the arm and power walked away.

"Luz why was that so awkword?" I asked, after we were out of earshot.

"Cause your both nerds." She said, shoving me playfully.

"Uh ok." I said, fully not knowing what a nerd is.

Ask we walked back to the owl house i let out a sigh. Edric was the first boy my age i had ever hung out with. I hope we hang out again soon.

Sry for the short chpt, hope you enjoyed tho :P

Back to belos

Hunters pov:

(back at the owl house)

Would it be weird if i just texted him? I though, stareing at my scroll.

probly not that weird.

Hunter: HeY > EDRic

Ed: This is Emria

Ed: Why do you type like that lol

Hunter: WhY do you have. Edrics scrOLL.?

Ed: why are you texting him?

Hunter: NoT YouR BUIsness.

Ed: Ok its edric, srry about that- Emria stole my scroll again :(

Hunter: ItS fiNe

Hunter: I wase WanderIng WhEn We CAn hanG ouT Again.

Ed: Im free this friday, you can come to my house :P

Hunter: Ill be ThERe

Hunter: HowS batrick?

Ed: He MisSes you

Hunter: TeLl Him I sAid HiKJbflkb/

That moment i was seized for behind.

"Your coming back to the castle golden gaurd." Terras voice cackled.

"NO!" I panicked, stomping on her ugly shoes and squirming from her grasp.

How did she get in here? Was Luz and Eda ok? How did i not hear a coven head come in?

"Get back here you little brat!" Terra yelled.

"NO!" I yelled back, stuffing my scroll in my pocket and sprinting outside. Big mistake. The entire premise was filled with coven heads.

"What do i do what do i do whatdoido" i panicked.

"Tweet" Flapjack twitterd, turning into a staff in my hands.

"Thanks buddy." i gulped, taking off into the sky.

The coven head were right on my tail, shouting and throwing spells to try to grab me out of the air.

"EDA?!!" i shouted, "Where was she?"

Suddenly hooty shot past me, knocking coven gaurds out of the sky left and right.

After steadying myself i scanned the ground and spotted an armoured carrige driving away. That had to eda and luz in there. I decided, speeding down and landing on the back.

Then, i pulled a pin from my pocket and began working at at the lock until i heard a click.

The door swung open and i froze. Coven guards.

"Surprise!" One of them said, before grabbing me and shoving me in a smaller cage.

It was a decoy.

Titan i was stupid. And i still dont know where eda and luz are.

"You friends are in the truck ahead of us." A coven guard laughed. "Dont look so sad, i know belos is going to take good care of you, i know hes been worried sick since you dissaperance."

In the darkness

Hunters pov

"Hunter huner hunter. . ." Belos crooned, "what am i going to do with you."

He seemed strangly calm. usually when i disobeyed him he would be furious, yelling and lashing out but today was differnt, and thats what terrified me.

"I could simply kill you like the others, but there isent much time before the day of unity. and im afraid there isent enough time to create another sacrifice."

I looked at him from my cage on the floor. thick chains bound my wrists and ankles making it diffucult to move.

"Why arent you saying anything Hunter?" Belos laughed, "are you scared?"

"What have you done with Eda?" I yelled, Biting back tears.

"Ahhhh yes, shes one her way to be petrified. What did you think i was going to do?"

"Let her go!" I yelled feriously. I hadent known her long but eda was like the mother i never had. "LET EDA GO!"

"How about no..." Belos said, "Hunter you are really testing me right now. GAURDS! Take him to the cells, for his own saftey. ill figure out a better plan tomarrow."

I looked at belos in horror as he waved his hand, whisking me away into the darkness.

Five minutes later i was shut in a cell. I slumped to the floor with a sigh and closed my eyes.

"I just dont think a kid should have to go in a cell overnight just because they ran away once." I heard somone say. Hey i recognised that voice. It was Steve!

"Are you questioning the Emperors desicions steve?" another voice asked sharply.

"I- No Head Terra."

"Good. Now go make sure the boy doesnt escape. Now im going to bed, i need my beauty rest after all."

"No amount of rest will make you beutiful.." I heard steve grumble.

"What was that?" Terra asked.

"Nothing Ma'am, have a good night."

A set of foot stepps retreated and another set approched my cell.

"Some people are ugly inside and out." Steve sighed, leaning against the wall in front of me.

"You dont say." I grumbled.

"How old are you kid?" Steve asked out of the blue.

"16"

"And your the golden gaurd huh?"

"yeah."

"How long have you been working for belos?" Steve asked.

"Technically my whole life- Why are you asking me stuff?"

"Sounds like child labor to me." Steve said, "And im just curious."

"Yeah ok."

"You dont seem very happy to be back in the castle, belos made it seem like you got lost."

"Belos is a moldy lying ass bitch." I grumbled.

I had never said anything like that about the emperor before, it felt-weirdly liberating.

"So you want to leave?" Steve asked.

"Duh."

"To tell you the truth kid, i want to leave too." Steve said decidely. "Lets go."

"What?"

"Comon kid." Steve said, jingling a ring of keys, "Im busting you out."

I love steve sm

Petrify

Hunters pov

"We need to get eda!" I whisper-shouted as we marched down the hall. I was in cuffs to stay under the radar and steve told everyone who asked questions i was being escorted to belos.

And technically it wasent a lie.

SCREEEEEEE

I heard a vaugly eda-sounding voice scream

"We gotta run!" I gasped, leaping forward and breaking into a sprint. "Belos said he was going to petrify her!"

"well thats not good." Steve said, jogging behind while removing my cuffs.

We took anither turn and suddenly we were there. In the petrafiacation room. Eda was chained to the floor- harpy mode activated- but still not strong enough to break the reinforced chains.

"Well well well" belos said looking up at us, "I figured you would show up. saves me the trouble of getting you myself!" With that he raised an arm and a sharp abomination spike sliced past me."

"Oh no you dont!" Steve snapped, shooting a ball of fire into beloses face.

Belos sreamed waith rage, abominations rising from the cold floors and striking down at steve who was effortlessly doging each blow.

While belos was distracted i took the opportunity to run up to Eda and start picking her locks with a wire i always had on me just in case.

Click

The heavy shackles fell to the floor and Eda breathed a sigh of relife

Eda was now safe but steve looked dangerously close to tiring out. Not doging attacks as fast and his spells bagan to look less effective.

Belos was practiaclly hovering above him, eyes glowing green and abominaions twirling with the ease of somone who had been doing this for a hundred years.

"Belos stop ittt" A childish voice crooned, "You making youself look bad! wasting all this energy that you could use for the day of unity! tsk tsk!" The comment was flollowed by a playful laugh that echoed around the chamber.

"Scilence!" Belos yelled out, "What i do outside of our deal is none of your concern!"

While belos was yelling steve ran up to me, grabbing my arm and pulling me twards the door. Eda was quick to follow, only stopping for a second in an attempt to see where the voice was coming from.

Not seeing anything she raised her great wings and picked me up, soaring through the huge hallways and out the nearest window.

"Wait what about steve?" I asked, as we arced away from the castle.

"We can get him after your safe hunter." Eda said, "But right now you are my priority."

Dont worry yall steve is gonna be ok :)

blight mannor

Hunters pov

A few minutes later we landed back at the owl house.

"Ahhh finnaly." Eda sighed, flopping down on the couch. "Hooty whats the damage?"

"I fixed everyythingg" Hooty said, worming inside, "Exept the window upstairs, the one stair, that other window, and the bushes outside- Oh! and-"

"Ok i get it." Eda sighed.

"wheres Luz?" I asked, reilzing i hadent seen her since we were captured.

"The gaurd i interrogated before being taken to belos said a purple haired girl came and got her out." Eda half smiled, "I trust Amity will take care of Luz for now."

"Amity... isent that edrics brother?" I asked.

"You know each other?"

"Yeah hes pretty cool." I said looking at the floor.

"Yeah ok, in that case can i trust you to pick up luz for me? I would do it but i need to supervise hooty to make sure he doesnt-"

crash

"Ill be back in a few hours- wait i need directions." I said, getting up. Maybe visiting Edric would help me feel better after being caught by belos again.

Eda gave me the directions and before long i was standing in front of a massive mansion surrounded by an iron gate.

The sign said "blight mannor" so i walked up the path.

I was a little nervous, not gonna lie. I had been here a few times as the golden gaurd working for -ugh- belos and the parents dident seem very welcoming.

knock knock

"Your back early-" Edric said, sounding annoyed and a little tense, "Hunter?!"

"Hi." I said awkwordly.

"Hi" Ed replied, breaking into a relived smile. "Luz said she was captured and she hasent seen you."

"Yeah he was worried sick." Emria said, sticking her head out the door.

"Emria!" Edric shouted, face turning pink, "I was NOT!"

"Well im ok now." I smiled.

"Now?" Luz said walking out, "Were you captured too?"

"yeah, im sorry this was my fault." I said, looking down.

"Shut up sad boi, its beloses fault not yours."

"Talk about this inside." Amity said, its cold out here.

Srry this was a bit shorter then usual- hope you enjoyed :)

blight mannor (2)

Hunters pov

Inside we all stat down next to a roaring fire.

"So thats why your last text was so weird." Edric said with a sad smile, "And that sounds awful im glad your ok"

"Yeah," Luz said, "I wanted to go back for you and eda but my leg was injured so amity made wait."

"Your leg is injured?" I gasped, "How bad?"

"Dont worry, emria patched it up."

"But how bad was it?"

"Only a fracture."

"Only a fracture?!" I punched her in the arm, "and you wanted to go on a rescue mission?!"

"Uh-" luz started but i cut her off.

"Dont you dare try anything dangerous when your injured! I just got a little sister i dont want to-"

"Im your little sister?" Luz gaped, eyes lighting up happily.

"What i didnt say- nevermind i just dont want you to risk yourself." I said crossing my arms. "Anyway I told eda i was picking you up so we should go."

"Wait, uh can you stay a little longer?" Edric said, grabbing my sleeve, "i want to show you my monster boss collection."

"You have a monster boss collection!" Jumped up, "I love that game!"

Edric took me by the hand and dragged me upstairs.

"Luz were leaving in an hour!" I shouted as we rounded the hallway.

"Roger that!"

"Whos roger?" I muttered.

Edric shrugged.

Time flew faster then it ever had and suddenly amity was sticking her head in the door.

"Its been three hours are you nerds done yet?"

"three?" I asked, pulling out my scroll to look at the time. "But were only two quarters through the collection."

"Acctually have another box in the attic," Edric said, "soooo..."

"Alright, sorry ed, i should head back. Wheres luz?"

"I walked her home an hour ago." amity said.

"But my objective was to take her home!" i protested.

"well shes home now, and you pretty mutch abandoned your objective to hang out with edric."

"Well thats taken care of," Edric said before giving me a nudge, "Do you want to just spend the night?"

I raised an eyebrow, "wait really?"

"yup." Edric said, "what do you say?"

I grinned, "Ill have to check with eda first."

Thanks for reading!

Sleepover

Hunters pov

Edrics collection was impressive to say the least.

We analyzed it for hours, geeking out about lore and predictions for the next edition.

"Wait you have doubles?" I gasped, picking up the second nova-witch figure.

"Yup! he was my first figure, but now i have two."

"Nice!"

"Hey do you want it?"

"excuse me?"

"I have two and you have none, it makes the most sense."

"Thank you!" I grinned, gently putting the figure to the side.

Edric grinned back at me and my heart fluttered. there was somthing about him that made me feel warm inside.

"Do you want a pizza?" Edric said, standing up suddenly.

"whats that?" I asked.

"Youve never had it! its even popular in the human relm!" Edric gasped, "Ill be back in like five minutes."

I sighed and leand back, looking around edrics room. Lots of posters, some pictures of batrick, and some pictures of his siblings.

ping

Luz: helloo

Hunter: Wut

Luz: Hooty misses you lol

Hunter: tEll it goodnight. For me

Luz: ok just did :P

Luz: Wait now hes crying

"who you texting?" Edric said, coming up behind me.

"Ah! Dont sneak up on me like that!" I gasped. "And it was Luz."

"Sorry for startling dude." Edric said then smiled "Pizzas done."

"Wholy titan this is amazing." I said, finishing my third slice.

"I knew you would love it." Edric grinned.

After the pizza was gone edric looked over at me slyly. "hey."

"hey?"

"Do you wanna go on the roof?"

"Is that even allowed?" I asked, raising my eyebrows.

"Nope but its fun, and i want to show you somthing."

"what is it?" I asked.

"A suprise." Edric said, giving me a nudge, "You coming or not?"

I didnt typically like surprises, but Edric looked so exited. It was kind of adorable.

"Sure, why not?"

Wishes

TW slight mentions of abuse

Hunters pov

With a little guidance from Edric we climbed onto the roof and sat down.

"see!" Edric said, pointing up at the starry sky.

"Whoa! I've never actually had a veiw this good." I said smiling, "back at the castle it's always smoggy."

As if on cue a shooting star rushed past us. Edric looked at me excitedly.

"what did you wish for?"

I thought for a minute.

"I want belos to stop coming after me. maybe if he just turned into the slime all he is I wouldn't have to worry so much"

"I kinda feel that way about my mom." Edric grinned, "She sucks."

"yeah?"

"Yeah, she makes us do her dirty work, advertizing her dumb buisness and testing my dads matchines, and she still somehow expects us to be better then everyone at school." Edric said before stopping suddenly, "Sorry that kinda came out of nowhere i- ill stop."

"what? er- no if you want to talk about it im right here" I said, offering a weak smile, "Maybe your parents and belos can form a shitty parents club."

Edric laughed, "What did he do anyways? if you want to talk about it i mean."

"Whoa thats a loaded question." I said, looking up at the stars. "where do i even start? Threatened my life, forced me to work for him and do his every bidding. Oh and he gave me this- . . . this scar, and a lot others." I said putting a hand to my face.

Edric looked over at me, even in the dim starlight i could tell he was horrified.

Tears started priking at my eyes. I didnt like to think about it but i felt good to get it off my chest. "Theres more but-"

Edric put a hand on my shoulder, "You dont need to talk about anything you dont want to." he reassured me. I looked over at him and wiped my tears away.

"Edric, what am i going to do? i escaped but hes still after me. Today he almost killed eda!"

"Honestly, i dont know." Edric said, "batrick?"

"clickclikchirp🎶" batrick sang.

"for- for moral support?" Edric said hopefully, "sorry, I've never been good at comforting people."

I smiled wiping my eyes, "thanks dude."

Edric looked back up at the sky and we lapsed into scilence

"so what did you wish for?" I asked breaking the stillness and looking over at him.

Edric glanced up at me and smiled. "i wished for a boyfriend."

"A boyfriend?" I asked.

"yeah, just someone i can cuddle and talk about my intrests with."

"That sounds nice."

A new gaurd

Hunters pov

(its the next day and hunter is at home now)

"Hunter you keep zoning out, is everthing alright?"

"I- yeah im just thinking."

"About?..."

I felt my face heat up a little "Edric."

"Oh?" Eda grinned, "You got a crush on him or somthing?"

"What? No! I just- Um no i dont."

Eda raised an eyebrow at me.

"Im serious!"

Before she could interrogate me futher there was a knock at the door.

Eda walked over and opened it.

"hey! Uh its me steve! Is hunter here?..." Steve said with a wave.

"Steve you made it out!" I smiled, "How did you find us?"

"All the gaurds know where the owl house is, yall would be dead by now if it wasent for hooty." Steve said.

"Well dont just stand outside." Eda said, opening the door wider. "What are you doing here anyway?"

"Just wanted to make sure hunter made it out safe." Steve shrugged, stepping inside "And in case you didnt know Hunter, Belos is still looking for you."

"I know." I said heart sinking.

"You got anywhere to stay?" I dont think your with belos after what you did." Eda commented.

"Ive been camping in a little cave." Steve chuckled, "its not the best but it will do."

"Say- stave was it?-" Eda started.

"Steve."

"Steve. yes, i may have a little proposal for you." Eda said thoughtfully.

"yeah?"

"recently the gaurds broke past hooty, so we need to up our defences. You used to be a gaurd and know all their fighting techniques- you see where im going with this?" Eda said.

"Youll let me stay here if i become your gaurd?" Steve asked.

"You catch on fast." Eda grinned, "If your interested you room is at the end of the hall to the right."

"I apperciate it Owl lady." Steve grinned, "Just let me get my stuff.

Was this an excuse to have more Steve content? Maybeeee >:)

Feelings

* = translation

Hunters pov

"tweet tweet"

"flapjack!" I gasped, picking up the little red bird.

"Tweet" (*i flew away so belos wouldent eat me but then i couldent find you again, im sorry.)

"Oh flapjack." I smiled, "im glad you left- i dont know what i would do if you had been killed."

"Tweet" (*where have you been anyway?)

"After i escaped i stayed with Edric for a while then i came back here." I explained, feeling a bit guilty for not coming to find flapjack myself.

"Chirp?"

"Yeah the one from the beach." I said, "are you hungery?"

"Tweet" (*nah i ate on my way here) Flapjack replied, "Chirp?" (*how was edrics?)

"It was really fun hes a cool dude! not that i like him or anything! Its pefectly normal to think about new friends a lot. I think? Ive never had any friends before actually hahahaa.... Why are you looking at me like that?"

"Tweet."

"shut up." I crossed my arms.

"I dident even say anything yet." Luz said, appearing in my room

compleatly unprompted. "What are you doing?"

"Dont even pretend you werent just listening through the door." I said, turning red with embaressment.

"You know me too well dear brother." Luz grinned sitting down, "So... blights huh?"

"I have bigger things to worry about luz." I said avoiding eye contact.

"So do i- and yet here i am, dating amity."

"What are you implying." I grumbled, "wait dont tell me i already know."

"Just saying a little romantic sub plot never hurt the story." Luz wiggled her eyebows

"Get out of my room!" I yelled, throwing a pillow at her. Titan shes annoying.

Ugh i needed to clear my head.

"Want to go on a walk flapjack?" I asked, clearing my head also ment not having randome intruptions every ten seconds.

"Tweet." (*sure)

A more lighthearted episode before we get back into the angst >:}

A long walk

Hunters pov

"Hunter be careful." Eda warned me, "theres a chance of rain late tonight."

"Dont worry Eda ill be back soon." I promised her, grabbing the coat she had given me.

Outside the air was refereshingly cold.

The dirt and leaves crunched under my boots as i walked into the dark woods.

I watched as demons skittered around the branches of the trees.

Flapjack had landed on my head and was now singing quietly.

It was calming outside.

Looking back at the house i took a moment to consider going further.

But the house wasent there. I was surrounded with blankets of trees that only let the smallest amount of light peak through.

"Ah shit." I muttered. Beggining to walk in the direction i knew i came.

Or was it that way?

no i had to be right but, those trees werent there before were they?

A weight left my head as flapjack fluttered off.

"Flapjack?"

I dident recognise this place but i couldent place why.

I stood still trying not to panic.

Rule number one of getting lost.

Stay put.

Think about how i got here.

"Tweet." Flapjack said, tugging my hair.

"What?"

"Chirp!" *The trees arent real.

Flapjack is right! I realized. The trees around me were warping and moving in a way that simply wasent possible. What was happening?

"Wait a minute..." A relization began to dawn on me as the trees began to shift around faster, covering more of the light above untill i was in absolute darkness. An illusion.

"Hello hunter."

"Agh!" i jumped back, started at the sudden apprenence of belos, well an illusion of him anyway.

"What are you doing?" I asked him, hands beggining to shake with fear.

"Dear hunter, the wild wiches are corrupting your mind-"

"You were going to kill me! You manipulated me my entire life but wild witches are the problem?!" I yelled at him, beggining to feel dizzy as the shadows around me bagan to swirl faster.

"Your just crazy. Look at you, wandering so far from my protection. Come back to me hunter, escape your delusions." A bright path suddenly appeared, and belos was now light up by a halo of light. "Just follow the path, and all will be well..."

I looked up at him with disgust, a burning rage filling my head.

"The only thing i need to escape is you!" I yelled, flapjack turning into a staff in my hands, offering a way out but i wasent done. "Go gaslight somone else for a change and LEAVE. ME. ALONE!"

With that declaration i hit the ground with the end of my staff sending out a bright golden light that evaporated the illusions around me in a second, leaving me back in the dimly lit wood.

"I hate to do this hunter," Beloses voice echoes in my ears *"But youve left me no choice."*

With that his voice was gone and i was left alone again, collapsing on the forest floor.

Too overwhelmed too even try calling for help.

All i could do was cry.

Hahaha look at me uploading

Ive been busy also writers block lol

If u want more content go to my insta im doing a goldric comic :P

Ty for reading <3

Boiling rain

Hunters pov

pap

hiss

My ears priked up, it has been a while since i heard that sound.

I jumped up, heart thudding wildly. Boiling rain. The only weather comparable to a painbow.

And I was about to be caught in it.

"Flapjack!" I yelled, plucking the small bird out of the air and shoving him in my coat.

Not wasting a second i bolted through the forest, dogeing branches and skidding under logs. I dident know where i was going- all i knew was that i had to find some sort of shelter.

A cave perhaps?

Ugh, no thinking, just running.

hiss hisss hiss

Bullets of boiling rain were splattering around me.

Hiss

I winced, feeling the burn of rain on my skin. Shit this hurt.

Good thing i was pretty good at tolerating pain at this point hahahahaha (laughes in trauma)

Hiss hiss

Two more drops seeped down my neck like liquid fire.

Thankfully just ahead there was a dim light shining through the trees. Shelter.

Without paying attention to where i was i stumbled to the door and knocked on it weakly.

No answer.

Shit. Why did i even bother running?

Didnt i want to die? Where had my will to live suddenly come from?

Creek

The door swung open and i was greeted my a familier face.

"Hunter?" Edric asked, before his face was filled with panic, "Hunter!"

"H- hey" I groaned from the pain but managed to force a smile.

"Hunter get in here!" Edric yelled, grabbing me by the wrists and pulling me inside.

Moments later i was surrounded by the blight siblings, Amity was being orderd by edric to "quick! get more salve!" And Emria was using her healing magic to try fix me up.

It didnt do much but I appreciate the effort.

"Sorry for the trouble." i smiled apoligeticaly, "You really didnt have to do this."

"Yeah i did. Now take off your shirt"

My heart jumped, "Well thats bold-"

Edric turned red "What! No i- your burns! The salve and banages..?"

My face turned red and i looked at the floor, heart pounding. Well duh thats what he meant. Hunter you dumbass.

"yeah of course hahahaha" I laughed nervosly, pulling off my shirt- wincing when the fabric brushed my wounds.

Fuck i was so embarresed. If i was ever to randomly pass out, right now would be a great time.

"*Chirp~"* Batrick sang.

"Tweet!" (*No! im the moral support! Back off!)

"Grrrr." Batrick replied, (*Edric is clearly having a crisis right now! You back off!) "Chirpp~"

The room went mostly quiet besides the sounds of flapjack and batrick futtering around madly.

Emria looked at me, then back at edric who was applying salve to my scars quietly. Weird could feel his heart beat through his fingertips. Or was that my heartbeat?

Either way i would probly need to see a professional healer after this. Mostly for the burns but that beats per second was not normal.

"Amity dont we have several very important things to be doing right now?" Emria said, breaking the scilence.

Amity raised an eyebrow before Em shot her a look of sorts. "Ah yes." Amity said, "So many things lets leave right now."

With that both of them turned around and marched out of the living room.

11:00 at night inspo is real damn

also i know the spelling in this one is awful lol

ty for reading

Scars

Hunters pov

The room was quite again. Edric finished wrapping my back before sitting down next to me, careful not to make eye contact.

Did he hate me now? Ugh why did i have to make things weird.

"Hunter-" Edric started before stopping himself.

"yeah?"

"nevermind." Edric said, "Em says the reason i keep scareing my crushes away is my dumb questions so-"

"Crushes?" I blushed, "haha i mean whats the question?"

"Sorry, you dont have to talk about it but you have a lot of scars on your back- everywhere for that matter."

"yeah," I chuckled, "I was raised in the emperors coven -i think you know that- but things there were brutal."

Edric looked over at me with his pretty golden eyes. "im sorry.."

"Uh nah its nothing." I said, brushing it off.

"Dude that one goes down almost your entire spine!"

"Well what do ya know?" I tried laughing "It was just a scuffle i got in with some demon. It was pretty big i guess. Never saw anything like it."

I felt a warm hand on my shoulder. I looked over at Edric who was listening intently.

"Um..." I said, suddenly overwhelmed.

Before i could try stop them tears began falling down my cheeks. "Shit im sorry Edric."

"What for?" He looked horrified.

"I showed up randomly and you let me in, now you have to deal with my dumb crying."

"Would you say you feel like a burden?" Ed asked, my ears priked up.

"Yeah."

"I may have never dealt with the emperors coven, but i do know a bit about insecurity." Ed gave me a weak smile. "Your crying isent dumb, and honestly i would like you to show up randomly more often."

My tears began to fall faster and i beagan to quiver a little.

"Ahh shistshitshit im sorry- i made it worse didnt i.."

My throat was to choked up to speak but i managed to shake my head. I still wasent used to people being nice to me i guess.

I want to hug him so badly. I suddenly thought, feel his probly very soft face pressed up against my chest. Wrap my fingers in his soft green hair-

Hunter no! I told myself. Stop thinking weird things. Besides my back is all burnt up so he couldent hug you anyway.

I wiped my eyes and took a deep breath. i was so wrapped up in my thoughts i hadent nodiced that edric had gotten up and fetched me some water.

I took it from him my hands shakeing.

"Thank you." I took a drink and felt much better immediatly.

"Yeah anytime." He smiled back. Sitting down again.

"Ahem- ill leave as soon as the rain clears up." I said, checking out the window.

As if on cue a clap of lightning lit up the sky and the rain beagn to pour down harder.

"I guess thats going to be a while." Edric smiled sheepishly, "Want to head upstairs?"

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battle scars by lupe Fiasco is coming to mind for some reason

Thx for reading

Pineing

Hunters pov

In edrics room i sat down on his bed tentivly, and Edric flopped down next to me.

"Jeez im tired." Edric sighed, "I wonder when my parents will get back."

"where are they at?" I asked.

"Some buisness meeting probably, want to play monster boss?" Edric said. looking over at me.

"Always." I grinned.

We played for a few hours untill i had beaten edric 30 to 11

"I give up bro." Edric sighed, "How are you this good?"

"reflexes." I smiled. "want to call it a night?"

"yeah." Edric yawned.

"uhh.. am i sleeping in here?" I asked.

"Ah- if you dont want to we have a guest room."

"No this is fine." I said, adjusting next to him.

Edric smiled face flushing, "Cool, goodnight then."

"Goodnight." I smiled back, pulling the blankets over me.

The lights flicked of and were were both engulfed in darkness.

I had to lay on my stomache so my burns didnt hurt so it was a bit uncomfortable.

If only that was the only thing keeping me up. I grimaced.

Edric. We were friends but he wants a bf, and i want a bf. Maybe we could help each other out?

Early that morning the rain had cleared and my back felt much better.

Edric wasent awake yet but i needed to get back to the owl house as soon as possible, after all eda might be worried.

I opened the large window and flapjck turned to a staff in my hands.

"Thanks ed." I smiled, taking one more look at him, before flying off back over the woods.

The morning air felt amazing i sighed. touching down at the front door.

"Hunter" Hooty shreiked exitedly, "Your aliveeeeeee" with that announcment the bird tube wrapped around me in a smothering hug.

"Ow ow let go!" I choked.

"Hunter?" Eda asked, bursting through the door, still in her nighcloths. "Hey kid! I thought you got caught in the rain, where did you shelter?"

"Actually i did." I said, squrming out of hootys grasp. "Edric helped fix me up though."

"You two are getting close huh." Eda grinned, "well dont just stand ouside kid, come in. Oh, and help yourself to breakfast because im going back to bed."

A few minutes later i was at the table eating eggs when my scroll went off.

Ping

Edric: Where u at?

Hunter: aT HomE

damn caps lock, oh well i would get the hang of it eventually.

Edric: Alright cool :P

Bonus Edrics pov

When i woke up that morning Hunter was gone.

Damn i was kinda hoping he would stick around for a while.

I wonder if he would be interested in hanging out later today..

Wooooo

srry this was mostly filler

ty for reading

Ya like jazz?

Hunters pov

About midday I was on a group chat with willow and skara talking about the next flyer derby match when I got another notification.

Edric: hey

Hunter: Hi

Edric: this is going to sound very random

Hunter: Okkk

Edric: Want to go on a date this evening?

I froze, heart almsot leaping from my chest. Ahh ok i had to play it cool.

Hunter: What time?

Edric: I can pick you up at 7

Hunter: See you then

Edric: Yeye

My face turned hot and I threw my scroll across the room. Grabbing a pillow and biting it to prevent myself from screaming.

Had Edric just asked me out?

I picked my scroll and opened it to reread the messages- hands shaking.

Yup.

ping

My heart jumped. Was that Edric?

Willow: hunter you still there?

Hunter: hahaha yes srry!

Willow: do you think you can come to the match then? Luz said you weren't staying with belos any more

Hunter: Yep 👍

Skara: Awesome XD

I put my scroll down again and grabbed the glass of water next to my bed and sipped it.

Ahhhh fuck what was I supposed to wear?

Ugh I didn't want to do this but I also didn't want to embaress myself.

"Luz!" I yelled out my door, "I need help with something!"

seconds later a familiar face burst in my door. "Need help you say? don't we all hahahahaa- what is it?"

"I kinda have a date and-"

"A date??!" Luz squealed, "With who? Is it Edric? It's Edric isn't it-"

"Ahh shut up!" I yelled, turning red, "Yeah it's Edric."

Luz grinned "Well what do you need from me? Smooth lines to sweep him off his feet? >:3"

"Nope, I'm just wondering what I should wear"

"MAKEOVER!" Luz gasped

"Nothing too drastic." I sighed, "I just don't want to show up looking like a dumpster fire."

that evening at 6:30 I was ready to go. Dark green tank top, a black

blazer with matching pants, and my gloves.

Not bad.

Now all I had to do was wait for edric.

"Where you off too?" Eda asked, sitting down on the chair across from me.

"I have a date." I mumbled.

"Ooh good luck kiddo" she grinned.

knock knock

I got up and ran to the door.

"Hey hunter! wow you look really nice." his face turned a shade of pink.

"you do to!" I replied with a grin, looking over his outfit. it was similar to mine except the jacket and pants were lighter and his shirt was magenta monster boss merch that almost matched my eyes.

"Shall we go?" Edric smiled, extending his hand.

I took it and we walked to town, fingers intertwined.

His hands are very soft.

I looked round at Edric who was smiling to himself. Then at the still forest.

Trees.

Yesterday.

you've left me no choice.

Belos words echoed in my mind and I squeezed Edrics hand tighter.

What was he planning?

"Hunter are you alright?" Edric asked, looking over at me, "you've gone all stiff"

"Just a bit nervous." I smiled, not wanting to worry him.

"heh I get it." Edric grinned back, "Suppose it's up to me to break the ice then."

he paused to think before raising an eyebrow, "Ya like jazz?"

"Pftt" I laughed, "I don't even know what that is."

"Neither do I." Edric shrugged, "I heard Luz say it once though."

I smiled. Tonight was going to be perfect.

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lmao I had to

ty for reading

Wish granted

Hunters pov

"Where to first?" I asked as Edric lead me down the winding streets of bonesburrow.

"Theres a new arcade with monster boss 3.0." Edric grinned, "After that were getting ice scream"

My eyes lit up, "Theres a new version?"

"You bet!" Edric beamed. "And i have a few theories on the final boss lore."

We talked nonstop on our way to the arcade and after going inside i was blown away by the flashing sparks of neon magic and illusions dancing across the room.

Everyone was screaming and cheering as they won streams of tokens and ate non BAHA* approved food (*belos and heath admin)

I had never had the time to go to one of these places so i was super exited and a bit jittery.

"You ready for this?" Edric nudged me.

"Are you ready to get your ass kicked?" I smirked.

"Bet." Edric shot back.

Two hours later

"Im going to throw up." Edric gulped as we stumbled outside into the fresh night air.

"maybe we should skip ice scream." I sighed, rubbing my head.

"yeah." Edric sighed. "Want to go stargazing instead?"

"Sure. And thanks for taking me here, though it was a bit.." Images of people stuffing twenty+ spider sticks in their mouths and magic explosions flashed through my head "Chaotic..."

"heh good game." Edric smiled, "Even though you kicked my ass."

"27 times to be exact." I winked at him before my face dropped, "Ugh i do have a headache though."

"Same."

Edric took my hand and we started walking to the nearest lookout.

At the lookout we flopped onto the ground and looked up.

"Its a bit chilly." Edric said, pulling his coat tighter.

"Here." I said, wrapping an arm around him and tugging him closer.

I felt edrics heart speed up and i smiled.

"Edric i have a question."

"What?" Edric asked.

"Do you still want a boyfriend?"

". . .Yeah."

"do you want me to be your boyfriend?" I asked, heart pounding.

"Yeah" Edric said, a bit quieter.

"Then wish granted." I smiled, snuggling up to him.

Ahhhh nerd bfs have my entire heart <33

Srry for the shorter chpt

Watched

Hunters pov

We snuggled for a few more minutes before i got up reluctantly.

"We should go." I smiled, pulling him up. "I dont want you to catch a cold."

"yeah same to you." Edric yawned.

Hand in hand we walked back to the owl house.

"See you round." Edric said as i opened the front door.

"Yeah uh byee." I said, glancing at his lips before my face turned red and I hurryed inside.

Ah shit.

"So?" Luz said, "How was it?"

I smiled and looked down, "It was good."

"ah i see you." Luz grinned, "Youre dating now right?"

"Yup." I said, still staring at the floor.

"But no goodnight kiss huh." Luz said, shaking her head. "tsk tsk"

"Like you've ever had a date" I coughed. Glareing at her. "and you were watching?"

"Ppht i was curious, besides Amity and Em told me to keep them posted in case somthing happened."

"LUZ!"

"heheh" Luz laughed like the little menace she was and darted up to her room.

As soon as she was gone i peeked out the window.

He was gone already of course.

I sighed, sinking to the floor and burying my face in my hands.

Omfg Edric was my boyfriend
fkdjfhlsfjhfjhdfjhdfdfihdrfjdfhkjdfkjfhaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

My ears fluttered as my brain tried to process. Titan i wanted to kiss him so badly.

Damn.

I Got up, face still red and went to my room, laying down on my cold matress.

I wouldent sleep tonight. I was too exited. So I looked out the window instead.

Suddenly two yellow kikimora shaped eyes appeard in the trees.

I sprang up, tence and ready for a fight but after a second they were gone.

It was probly just a demon hunting for supper. I told myself, but after what happened with belos in the woods i couldent be too sure.

I curled up under my blankets. Still stiff and a bit angry. Was kikimora really spying on me?

You"ve left me no choice

Come at me belos.

Just keep your grubby hands of Edric.

Hunter being watched from the shadows is my favorite trope hehehehe

ps go read my webtoon the mushies (haha shameless plug)

No choice

edric is captured by belos

Hunters pov

The first thing i did the next morning was text Edric

Hunter: Good morning!

. . .

Hunter: Are you still asleep?

Hunter: Have a good redst

Hunter: Rest <3

That was weird he should be up by now.

I yawned, hopping out of bed and going downstairs.

Suddenly there was a knock at the door.

"im here to pick up edric." Amity said once i opened it. "Mom needs him in abomiton testing room."

"what he went home last night." I said, a little surprised.

"No he didnt.." Amity said face dropping.

"What do you mean.." I said, thinking back to my unanswerd texts.

"Ugh hes probly off with jerbo or hanging out in the woods to avoid mom. Ill go find him." Amity said, rolling her eyes.

"Great tell me when you do." I said as my stomache sank.

I have a really bad feeling about this.

I checked my scroll a million times in the next two hours. Hoping-praying that edric would text me back, say he lost his scroll or was asleep beacuse i was getting extreamly worried.

"Hey hunter, no luck?" Luz said, walking into my room.

"None." I said.

"Do you think we should go look for him?"

"yes."

"Great you go north ill go south. If hes not at jerbos or at home hes probabay in the woods somewhere."

I nodded and got up, feeling slightly nausus.

a ways into the woods i found broken branches and signs of a possible scuffle. After following the snapped twigs for a while the markers stopped in a clearing.

If the broken branches were caused by Edric and kiki, that meant kiki won. And Edric had been flown to the castle.

"flapjack?" I asked, looking over to the palisman.

"Tweet." Flapjack aknowlaged, turning into a staff.

"take me to the castle."

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Woo short chpt hope you enjoyed :p

Decisions

Hunters pov

My heart thudded. Eyes blurring from the feelings of rage busting up inside of me.

I want to fucking kill belos. I jumped onto my staff, arcing into the sky at top speed before fear and anxiety pulled me down.

Im not strong enough to face belos, i need backup. Besisides, no matter how angry i am the actual thought of facing belos alone was terrifying.

I need eda.

After taking a second to land and collect my thoughts i hit send.

Hunter: Meet me at the east side of beloses castle. i know where edric is.

Eda: Be there in 2

Hunter: Thank you a million

It felt weird asking for help like this but i felt a little better knowing she was there for me.

Shit what about amity. I didnt want to worry her. This was going to be taken care of but then again Edric was her older brother

Hunter: I think i know where edric is

Amity: Thank titan go get him

Hunter: I will see you soon

Amity: Btw where is he? *Unread*

Now that was dealt with i took off again, flying for a few minutes before landing a ways away from the castle

A minute later eda was there. Harpy mode activated.

"Alright where are we headed?" Eda asked.

"If belos is using him to lure me here he would be in the throne room."

Eda nodded, getting ready to spring into action.

"There you are." Kikimora said, appearing out of nowhere. "Come inside. Belos has been expecting you."

Eda stepped in front of me.

"not you ugly pigion, The golden gaurd."

"If hes going in im coming with." Eda growled.

"Fine whatever." Kiki rolled her eyes. "this way..."

. . .

Inside the throne room the air was thick with tesion. Grey mist circled the throne as Belos looked down on us mencingly.

Eda and i stood. Four gaurds at our sides, spears pointed in out direction.

I gulped.

"Great to see you again Golden gaurd." Belos cooed. "ive missed you dearly."

"My name is hunter." I said defiantly, "Wheres edric."

"Right here." Belos said, dramitically waving a hand.

From the fog moved a long abomination tedrill holding a limp figure.

"Edric!" I gasped rushing forward but a sharp spike shot in front of me.

"no no no." Belos said dissaprovingly. "If you want him were going to make a deal."

I looked over at eda who shook her head, then back at belos.

"what is it?"

"ill let edric go, but in exchange you have to come back to me."

Eda put a hand on my shoulder.

"Eda i-" I started but belos wasent done.

"And to ensure you dont run away again . . . you will let me wipe your mind."

I looked back at edric, who was struggling weakly, a steady stream of blood trickling from his arm. Someone shuffling around in the shadows caught my eyes for a second before they dissapeared.

"Not just one of the potions terra whips up, i mean the more permenent one." Belos crooned. "Youll get a fresh start, a new name. Heh, maybe even a new personality so that wretched Edric doesnt like you anymore."

I turned pale. Eda squeezed my shoulder tighter.

"Hunter dont listen to him, hes probably just going to kill Edric any way. The emperor is not a forgiving man." Eda said, eyes darting around the room as she tried to form a plan.

"Eda hes bleeding out." I said, tears beginning to form in my eyes as my mind raced.

"What will it be?" Belos said, "Watch Edric die before your eyes, or go back to the way it was."

Tears streamed down my face and I was painfully aware of the squeezing in my chest. Edric had done so much for me. My first

friend, my first boyfriend.

Forgetting Edric would be awful, but i knew for a fact that watching him die would be so much worse

"Ok belos . . . ive made up my mind."

OOoooooh cliffhanger :0

Goodbye

Hunters pov

"You can wipe my mind."

"very good." Belos said with a nod, dropping edric to the floor.

Edric staggered upright. "Please dont do this hunter."

"Can I talk to him one last time?" I asked.

"...Fine.." Belos said, "just make it quick. Guards?"

A swarm of guards surrounded us. Making it impossible for either of us to try to escape. And a dozen more trapped eda in a glowing net, taking her outside."

"guess this is goodbye Edric." I said, wrapping my arms around him.

"Hunter please dont do this." Edric cried, "Id rather die. Hes going to keep hurting you."

"Better me then you." I said, putting a hand under his chin, "Go back to your family Edric. Just- forget this ever happened ok?"

"No. Im going to love you forever Hunter. Maybe we will meet again and we can go on another first date."

"I would like that edric but i dont think-"

Edric sobbed, pulling me tighter. "please shut up."

"I-" I said but i couldn't speak. I want him to know i love him too. I need him to know that i-

"Times up." Belos said, "your crying is making me sick."

I leaned foreword, trying to brush my lips on his but a guard

dragged me off, wrapping thick chains around my ankles. Another threw Edric from the room. Thick golden doors slamming shut.

All guards had vanished along with Edric and Eda. Now It was only me and Belos.

I glanced around to be sure and someone caught my eye. A single figure was standing in the corner just out of belos line of sight.

My attention turned back to the spell. Slowly but surely the red ring was lowering down over me. Its scarlet glow lighting up the room omoniously.

I squirmed, trying to break out of the chains. Eda, Luz, Edric they had done so much for me and now it was all going to disappear in seconds

I braced myself and closed my eyes.

BAM

I opened my eyes to find belos flat on the floor. Screaming with rage. A now unmasked guard stood over him, plants twisting through the air.

Was that . . . Steve?

BAM

I spun to look the other direction and gasped. Darius had burst in, abominations at the ready. Behind him guards were stuck to the walls and knocked out on the cold floor.

"Hunter are you alright?" Darius asked "I saw eda and some other nerd get dragged out, they said you had been captured."

"Darius-" I said, voice catching as relief flooded over me.

"Hurry and get him out of here!" Steves strained voice yelled, "I cant hold belos for much-"

With a flash of light steve was flung across the room. Darius waved

a hand, catching him in abomination slime.

Belos, now standing upright and angrier then ever was forming the spell again, bigger this time.

"IVE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS-"

BAM

Belos was hit from both directions by an angry harpy woman, and an even angrier green haired boy. I watched in awe as Edric made copies of himself out of illusions, swarming and beating at the emperor so that he couldn't focus on Eda, who was ripping Belos back and arms to shreds.

"I WILL KILL ALL OF YOU" He roared, slashing though illusions making them melt into abomination goo. My stomach tightened. I swear to titan if Ed gets killed trying to save me..

Then there was raine, crouching down at my side and breaking the locks off one by one with sharp whistles.

"Can you walk?" They asked. I tried moving my legs before shaking my head. It was like they had been frozen to the ground.

Raine nodded, darius coming from behind and scooping me up.

"take him back to the owl house." Raine said, "The rest of us will be right behind you."

Darius glanced back at raine with a bit of a pout before holding me tighter and sprinting away from the action.

But it wasent over yet.

Nobody's pov

Little did hunter know that right behind him Belos was now ripping chunks of stone and metal from the floors and hurling them across the room at his multitude of attackers.

One of these pieces was headed straight for darius.

Darius had not made any sort of shield to protect himself.

With a wet thud he dropped to the floor, hunter coming down with him.

Raine ran up to them in a panic yelling and shaking darius and hunter, begging for even one of them to wake up.

With a final blow from Edric, belos mask was ripped from his face, leaving philip exposed.

With a final blow from Eda, Philip sank to the the floor. Maybe for good this time.

The group had won . . . But did they really?

I wouldent kill someone off . . . Would I?

Please wake up

Edrics pov

The rest of the night was a blur, i know raine was yelling, and that Eda carried darius back to the house while steve carried hunter. Raine was right next to me, i was leaning on them as i walked, hardly able to stand from exhaustion.

After arriving i collapsed on the couch. I dont know where eda and the others went but i didnt have the energy to follow. Raine stayed next to me, helping pach my injuries and as i drifted to sleep i heard amity burst though the door, yelling my name.

The next day- had it been a day? I could have been out for a month and i wouldent know the difference.

"Well look whos up." Amity smiled, a look of relief crossing

"goodmorning." i mumbled, pushing myself off the couch.

"You mean good afternoon." Amity said, "You slept for like 14 hours."

"Not surprised." I sighed, voice raspy. "Can i get some water?"

Amity handed me a glass and i took a sip.

"Where is everyone?" I asked, nodicing the quietness of the house.

"At the emergency room." Amity sighed. "I dont know much about what happened but Raine said things were bad."

"Hunter too?"

"yeah."

I winced. "Is he ok?"

"I dont know."

"Oh."

"Edric, you dont need to tell me everything but i need to know what happened. Where were you?" Amity asked, "I was worried sick then at like 1 in the morning Luz texted and said you were at the owl house. I Burst in and things were just . . . Chaos."

"Can we talk about this over food? Im starving."

Flashback

Walking back to my house after dropping off hunter i felt weird. There were butterflys in my stomach and i couldnt help but feel happy, and a little anxious.

A few minutes later the woods went quiet. The usual sound of skittering creatures vanished making the euphria fade into a sickened uneasyness.

Its a dark woods, it was normal to be a little paranoid. I told myself, shrugging it off.

Big mistake. I should have run.

Moments later a glowing net wrapped around me and a short demon with yellow eyes bound my mouth so i couldent scream.

I was terrified- heart beating out of my chest, mind racing. What the fuck was happening? Where was she taking me?

A few minutes later i go my answer.

"If this doesnt send him running back to me then nothing will." Belos chuckled, wrapping a thorny vine around me and lifting me from the net. "Go keep an eye on the golden gaurd kiki, you are dismissed."

I dont know how much time passed but eventually i passed out from fatigue and maybe blood loss.

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Some time later i woke up to the sound of Hunters voice.

"Edric!" He gasped, rushing forward but a sharp spike shot in front of him.

"no no no." Belos said dissaprovingly. "If you want him were going to make a deal."

-Time skip to when Ed and Eda were dropped off outside-

"Eda! We have to go back!" I begged, tears streaming down my face. The guards had dropped us off on the outskirts of the castle and left.

"Darn right we do." Eda growled. "Are you strong enough to do magic right now?"

I nodded.

That was a lie, i felt like laying down and never getting up. But there was no way i was going to do that when hunter was in danger.

"Cool, You stay back and use illusions to distract him, ill rip him to shreds." Eda said.

"No way im fighting too!" I said. Eda frowned.

"Alright, but promise me youll be as careful as possible."

"I promise." I said, "now lets go!"

On the way in Raine and darius spotted us, quickly agreeing to to help.

My heat was racing, as fast as we had come back for hunter the spell was in action even before we left, i was terrified it was too late.

"then we had a huge battle and i think we won but i still dont know if the spell was compleated and im so worried- amity what if he-"

"Lets go see him." Amity interupted, "Like right now."

"Really? your not going to drag me home?" I asked, wiping away my tears.

"really. Now get up."

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Amity being a good lil sis > > >

Also pretend ed told amity everything bc i dont feel like doing a compleate flashback :3

Ill come back

Edrics pov:

About ten minutes later we arrived at the healers.

"Edric! glad you woke up." Eda smiled, "How are you feeling?"

"Ok i guess." I said, looking behind here, "Wheres hunter? is he doing alright?" Edas face fell.

"Hes still breathing." Eda said, "But besides that we dont know."

"can- can i see him?" i asked, feeling the tears well up again.

"Hes in there." Eda replied, pointing at the two doors at the end of the hallway.

"Want me to come with?" Amity asked, putting a hand on my arm.

"Thanks but, i think i want to be alone right now." I said, giving her a weak smile. Amity nodded and took a step back.

I wasent sure what door eda was pointing at so i was about to guess before raine came out of one of them, eyes red.

"Will he be ok doc?"

"Darius is in critical condition, but if all goes well he'll have a full recovery in the next few months."

"thank goodness." Raine sighed, "Thank you so much for helping him."

I looked away, feeling a bit like i had intruded on something.

"Oh hey edric." Raine said, nodicing me and wiping their eyes, "Hunter is in this one."

Raine opened the other door and let me inside.

It was a bit hard to see in the room, two heavy curtians coverered the window only letting a in sliver of light. Hunter was in the middle of a large bed, a white blanket up to his chest. His head bound in thick gauze.

A wooden chair sat next to the bed so i took a seat, the door shutting behind me.

"Hey hunter."

Hunter said nothing. His ragged breaths the only indicator of life.

"So about last night i-" I paused, looking down at my hands, "Hunter, when you wake up- will you remember me?"

Again, no responce. What was i expecting?

"Even if belos didnt compleate the spell a hit to the head like that could be worse." I continued, words tumbling from my mouth as my mind tried to make sense of everything that happened. "I guess im just . . . scared? Yeah thats it. I dont know whats going to happen and Im fucking scared and im tired. I want you to wake up Hunter. I want you to wrap your arms around me and say everything is going to be alright even though its probably not."

Tears falling down my face I put my hand on hunters, not bothering to wipe my eyes.

"Hunter please..."

Hunters pov:

"hunter please." A scratchy voice whispered.

"Edric we need to go home." I heard amity say. "Im really sorry you cant spend more time with him but mom is super pissed and its gonna get worse the longer we stay."

My mind was foggy, i couldent remember much but my head really hurt.

"No! I want to stay untill he wakes up." Ed argued.

"Edric, he hit his head really hard when darius fell. He might be out for weeks."

There was a pause

"Just a little bit longer?"

"Two more minutes, then meet me outside."

Then i heard the sound of footsteps fading down a hall.

Edric squeezed my hand.

"Ill came back as soon as i can Hunter." Edric promised, placing a gentle kiss on my hot forhead.

Ill be waiting Edric. I thought, twiching in my sleep.

Oof

Reunion

Hunters pov:

A few hours after edric left i managed to force myself upright. My head pounded but it was way better then it had been.

"Eda?" I managed to ask, voice quiet.

"Hunter!" Eda gasped, walking into the room, her ears pricked up. "Hunter youre awake! Thank goodness."

"yeah." I mumbled, "Is Luz here?"

"Shes at school but you can text her if you want." Eda said, "Told her it would be a god distraction from all the drama last night."

I nodded, looking around for my scroll and taking it off the beside table.

Hunter: Im alive!

Luz: Youre alive! XDD

Luz: How are you feeling bro?

Hunter: headache-. but other than that pretty good.

Luz: Thats good

Luz: see you after school

Hunter: yups

And now to text Edric.

I clicked his contact but paused before typing anything- a small idea forming in my head.

"Eda can I go on a walk around when school gets out?"

"You want to meet edric and surprise him?" Eda said, raising an eyebrow.

"Yeah a little." I said, feeling a bit sheepish.

"Its probably best if i dont let you go-"

"Eda!"

"You didnt let me finish- But ill let you if we see more improvements, and you have to text me when you get there."

"Thank you Eda!" I grinned, feeling a burst of happiness.

Flowers! I would get Edric flowers- to thank him for saving me and just because i feel like it. I moved over, trying to get out of bed but moving that amount sent a burst of pain through me. A sour reminder that I wasent cured yet.

Eda, upon nodicing my struggle put a hand on my arm and guidied me back down to the safety of my pillows.

"Oh! I need to tell the others your up. Ill get you some food too." Eda ruffled my hair before turning and hurrying out of the room, shutting the door behind her.

"TWEET!" A red blur crashed into my bed, fluttering back up flapjack hopped onto my shoulder and leaned on my neck.

"Flapjack!" I grinned, reaching a hand up to pet the little bird. "Where have you been?"

"Tweeet." (* I was guarding the perimiter.) Flapjack whistled "Chirp" (*I also found you a seed)

I felt a small seed drop onto my lap

"Chirp" (*eat it- you need your strength.) I smiled, picking it up.

"Chirp."

"If you insist." I grinned, swallowing the seed whole. It really was

small- so it went down without a problem.

Flapjack twittered happily.

After eating the soup eda brought me and drinking plently of water i was back on my feet. I couldent run, too much movement hurt my head- but i was definitly ready to go meet edric.

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Walking to the school i picked a beautiful bouquet of golden flowers then sat down on a bench outside the walls to wait.

Looking at the large clock at the top of the building I figited impatiently. 3 . . . 2 . . . 1

Ringggggg

Seconds later hordes of students flooded from the building. I squinted, straining my neck to find the familiar green haired boy

After a minute of searching i found him. He looked a bit bedraggled, hair a mess and slight bags under his eyes (still handsome as fuck tho)

He was walking a bit to the side, smiling and talking to his sisters. He said something and they smiled and gave him a hug before running off with their respective girlfriends.

By then the crowd was mostly gone and Edric caught my eye from across the road. His eyes wided and expression dropped before a massive grin crossed his face.

"HUNTER!"

"EDRIC!" I yelled back, thought we werent very far from each other. I set my flowers down on the bench and stood up, wanting so badly to run but i could only take short steps in his direction.

Edric on the other hand was sprinting, arms open.

Before i knew it i was up against the ground, Edric in my arms.

He was here, i was here. We weren't dead! I wanted to say something but couldn't- Words could describe how much i was overwhelmed with happiness. My awesome boyfriend was in my arms and I had never felt so alive.

Heart racing I pushed Edric up just enough for me to look at his face. His eyes were shining and his face was lit up with so much joy i just wanted to kiss him.

"Edric." I said, pausing to cup his face in my hand, "I love you too."

Edric went red, his ears fluttering.

I pushed myself upright, Edric shifting on my lap- his arms still around me.

"Hunter. . ." He breathed, glancing away.

"I want to kiss you." I said, resting both arms on his shoulders and suddenly feeling a little shy, "I- Is that ok?"

"Of course its ok you dork." Edric grinned, looking back and tiling his head to the side.

Not really knowing how I leaned forward and pressed my lips on his. Edric reciprocated, gently pushing back until i pulled away- my stomach fluttering with exitement.

"As much as i would like to continue we should probably head back to the owl house." I said sheepishly, "Also my head still hurts a bit..."

"Why didnt you say so?" Edric said, "Dont worry handsome ill kiss you better."

I smiled, pulling out my scroll to message Eda "Pls do."

(Hunter gave ed the flowers dont worry)

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*incoherant screaming

Sorry this chpt was a bit rushed hope you liked it :)

Big news

Hunters pov:

back at the owl house Edric and I were flopped down on the couch, edric applying ice to my head and humming softly. I felt a lot better now. The pain in my head down to an almost unnodicable ache. Partally beacuse I was healing, but mostly because Edrics gentle touch distracted me from the pain.

Snuggling into my lap Edric soon fell alseep. I couldent blame him- it had been a long few days.

"Sleep well love." I sighed, running my fingers through his soft hair.

A few minutes later I began to drift off as well, That was untill Eda walked in.

"Hey hunter." She said, shutting the door quietly. "I got news and . . . you might want to brace yourself."

I looked up, eyes fluttering open. "Alright what is it?"

"Its Belos, the castle just annouced that hes dead."

"What?' I gasped, the movement walking Edric, who sat up and rubbed his eyes.

"You alright hunter?" He asked, taking my hand "Whats happening?"

"Hes dead..."

"Who?"

"Belos!"

Eda nodded, pulling out her scroll. "Its all over the news- here look."

I took the scroll, swiping through the articles.

Emperor Belos found dead says coven head Terra. She and the others are rushing to find a new empeor or set up a new way of government.

Emperor found dead, face ripped off- demon attack suspected

Belos found dead- Whats next?

Assasionation or unfortunate accident? Emporor belos found dead

"What the fuu- I mean im not surprised we kicked his ass pretty hard." Edric commented, eyes wide

I gulped, trying to shove away the strange feeling in my stomache. He was gone. I was free now.

Belos was dead.

Tears suddenly began streaming down my face.

Before i knew what was happening Eda was wrapping her arms around me.

"Hunter! Whats wrong?" Edric asked, "Do you need more ice?"

"I dont know.." I said, pulling away from eda and wiping my tears.

"Hey its alright hunter." Eda said, "I know its a lot. Belos was a peice of shit but he still raised you. . . Just let it out."

"did you kill him?" I asked, looking up at her.

"Uhh would you be mad if i did?" She asked a little sheepishly.

"No." I said, a small smile spreading across my face as i melted back into her hug "Thank you Eda."

These old ppl be dropping like flies

Srry for short chpt lol

Healing

Hunters pov:

Things were anything but slow the next few weeks.

Citizens were panicking of course. School had been suspened and the market was in chaos.

Raine and Eda were busyer then ever (they were plotting to take over of the boiling isals government)

Darius was still in a coma, thankfully the healer said things were looking up- much to all our relif.

. . .

Late one saturday night the owl house was quiet. Hooty on a date with duo, Steve crusing on his bike, and Eda out with Luz, Lilly, and Raine rallying the citizens.

I was leaning on Edrics shoulder as we sat on the couch. Just haning out and watching the new Monster Boss movie.

Out of nowhere a thought crossed my mind.

The thing that started this whole series of events. Something that had I had hardly thought for quite a while- dispite its importance.

"Edric would you still love me if I was a grimwalker?"

"Yeah of course." He said, wrapping an arm around my shoulder, "I have a question though."

"Ok ask away." I said, feeling reassured but still a little anxious.

"Grimwalkers are made out of mostly palistrom wood right?"

"Yeah..."

"Which come from a tree. . ."

"Where is this going?"

"Do leaves ever grow out of your hair?" He asked, dead serious.

"Not that I know of." I laughed, a dumb grin spreading across my face before I ruffled his hair. "Damn I love you Edric."

"Back at you " Edric smiled, wrapping his arms around me as I lazily kissed his face.

"Ppht." Edric chuckled, putting a hand under my chin making my heart to jump. "Come hear and kiss me properly."

. . .

My head healed up wonderfully over the next few months. Mostly thanks to Edric who stayed by my side as much as possible.

"Im leaving her as soon as I can." Edric whined, resting his head on my shoulder after a particularly nasty fight with his mom.

"I fully support that." I said, pulling him into a hug. "We can get a house togther or somthing."

"We can?" Edric looked up at me, his face lighting up. I blushed and looked away. To be honest ive been wanting to bring this up for a few weeks now. After all, we were both seventeen and the days had been passing so fast. It was only a matter time before we could go out on our own.

"I mean why not? We are dating after all."

"That would be awesome." Edric grinned, kissing me on the cheek. "I cant wait."

"Hunter! Edric!" Eda burst in, breaking the peaceful moment.

"Darius is awake!"

I shot up from the couch, heart pounding with exitement. "Really?"

"Yeah! And he wants to talk to you."

"What are you waiting for!" Edric gasped. waving me off, "Go talk to him, ill go over in a few hours so you can be alone."

At the healer I sat down at the chair next to dariuses bed. "Darius?"

"Hey Hunter." He said, turning towards me. "First, dont look at me- im a hot mess. Second-"

I cut him off, pulling him into a tight hug, my eyes filling with tears. "You look fine darius"

"What have I told you about lying?" He replied, trying to sound sarcastic but his voice was laced with affection. "Anyway, how have you been? Tell me everything. The healer said ive been out for a while."

"Oh boy thats a lot of stuff." I smiled. sitting back in my chair. "Where do I even start?"

"Tell me about that green haired boy that jumped in to help rescue you from Belos." Darius said with a smirk, sipping a cup of tea. "If your not dating im going to be dissapointed."

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So close to the end yall- gonna miss writing this fic :(

A good night

Hunters pov:

Once everyone was better we started having dinner together every night. It was always wild as hell but that's what made me happy. These nights of wholesome chaos were slowly making up for all the time I had lost under Beloses cruel system.

The owl house felt more and more like home every day, the cozy atmosphere giving me a sense of security I didn't know existed while living in the castle.

Steve, Darious, Eber, Raine, Eda, Luz, King, and Hooty, all laughing and joking like the pain and pressure of life simply didn't exist. I was there too of course, fighting with luz and tossing Hooty the occasional scrap of food, all while soaking up the comfortable chaos.

"What are you smiling about hunter?" Luz asked, giving me a nudge.

"Ah- i don't know." I shrugged before poking at my food, "I'm just happy I guess."

Luz looked at me, raising an eyebrow. I half expected her to start teasing me but she just smiled back.

"Not so bad and sad anymore are ya." she commented, before taking a swig of my water.

"Hey that's mine!" I yelled, snatching it back and spilling it over my front in the process.

Eda hid a laugh as she tossed me a rag. "Luz don't steal from your siblings."

"You one to talk to." Lilly said, walking in with a large basket. "I'm not late am I?"

"What's in that basket lily?" Eda asked, completely ignoring the question.

"A cake to-" She stopped, glancing at raine who shook their head. "It's for later."

"A cake? Can I-" Lilly pulled out a rolled paper and smacked her sister on the head.

I smirked and pulled out my scroll to text Edric while Lilly and Eda had their daily fight.

Hunter: Wassup?

Edric: Organizing my collections

Hunter: That's like the 8th time today

Edric: heh

Hunter: :P

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Darius: Who are you texting?

Hunter: Like you don't know

Darius: The grown ups are going out tonight- you should ask him over ;)

Hunter: Your being weird again

Hunter: Do you know what the cake is for?

Darius: You didn't hear it from me but it's to celebrate a special engagement

Hunter: Huh?

Darius: Oblivious as always

Darius: Raines going to propose lmao

Hunter: :O

Hunter: Do you want to come over for the night?

Edric: Be there in 20

Later after dinner,- after everything was clean, luz went to her room to draft glyphs and everyone else went out- including hooty for some reason.

I lay on the couch, scrolling through pensta and occasionally checking the time.

8:45

That was almost an hour ago. Edric was supposed to be here by now. I felt a little paranoid, last time this happened he was abducted.

Taking a deep breath I closed my eyes. Edric was ok. There was nobody in the world who could hurt him. Even his mother was no match for the blight boy.

Hunter: Where u at?

Edric: Still at home, sorry my mom was threatening to ground me.

Edric: I would like to see her try

Hunter: Even if she did im sneaking you out

Edric: >:D

Edric: I'm on my way rn

A few minutes later there was a knock on the door.

"Edric!"

"Hey handsome!" He grinned, giving me a hug and a kiss on the cheek.

In my room edric gave flapjack a pat on the head before laying

down on my bed with a yawn.

"Ah it's been a long day- is it ok if we just cuddle?"

"Of course." I said, flopping down on my bed mattress. Edric wrapped his arms around me and rested his head on my shoulder, making my heart flutter

"I love you Edric." I sighed, gently wrapping my arms around him.

"Love you too Hunter." He smirked, kissing me again- this time on the mouth.

After breaking the kiss I ruffled his fluffy green hair, leaning back into the pillows while Edric wrapped the two of us in blankets, sinking into the comfortable silence. Edrics chest rising and falling against mine, a gentle reminder that I wasn't alone anymore

And that I would never be alone again.

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The end <3

Thank you all for reading! Hope to see you in future fics!